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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM BOSTON-LONDON SERVICE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT
TALKS STARTING JUNE 21 ARE SATISFACTORY. EMBASSY
REQUESTED TO CONVEY SAME MESSAGE TO UK OFFICIALS IN
LONDON. DEP ASST SEC ATWOOD WILL LEAD USDEL.

2. IN LIGHT OF VERY DISCOURAGING UK RESPONSES TO
CARTER LETTER, TO JUNE 2 NOTE, AND TO AMBASSADOR'S
MEETING OF JUNE 12, WE SEE LITTLE REASON TO PURSUE
FURTHER OUR REQUEST THAT BOSTON SERVICE BE ALLOWED TO
CONTINUE IN INTERIM PERIOD AFTER JUNE 15. A FURTHER
FACTOR IS THAT PAN AM MAY BE ABLE TO SWITCH BOSTON-LONDON
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FLIGHTS TO BOSTON-AMSTERDAM ON THAT DATE. SEE SEPTTEL.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM PAN AM THAT BROWN OF DOT HAS
INDICATED HE MAY NOT ACT ON US REQUEST TO DESIGNATE LOS
ANGELES FOR DUAL SERVICE BECAUSE DESIGNATION OF BOSTON HAS
NOT BEEN FORMALLY WITHDRAWN. IF THIS REMAINS A PROBLEM
(MILLER-ATWOOD TELECON SUGGESTS IT MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN

SOLVED), EMBASSY CAN POINT OUT THAT DESIGNATION MADE TODAY

CLEARLY NAMES LOS ANGELES AS THE DUAL-DESIGNATION CITY OF
RIGHT WITH BOSTON NAMED ONLY PERMISSIVELY. UK RED TAPE
IN SWITCHING DESIGNATIONS AND DELAYING JUNE 15 STARTUP
AT LOS ANGELES WOULD ONLY WORSEN HARD FEELINGS GENERATED
BY UK REFUSAL TO ALLOW MODEST EXTENSION OF BOSTON
SERVICE. IT COULD BE NOTED IN THIS REGARD THAT BRITISH
AIRWAYS STARTED ITS SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE LAST MONTH FOR
A WEEK OR TWO BEFORE ITS PERMIT HAD BEEN FORMALLY
AMENDED TO INCLUDE SAN FRANCISCO, AND YET U.S. MADE NO
OBJECTION. VANCE

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